

PLATT GULPS A BITTER PILL.

Forced to Assent to Legislation Opposed by the Machine.

IT IS MERE EMPTY FORM.

Country Combination in the Saddle, and the Regulars at Its Mercy.

CHARTER SURE TO GO THROUGH.

Legislators Say It Will Be Passed in a Day or Two Over Strong's Veto Busy Day in the Council Chamber of Platt.

The General Liquor law amendments will be passed by the Legislature without change in form or punctuation. Among them is that section so odious to the Lantierbach and Worth elements which taxes all clubs \$800 for the privilege of selling liquors to their members. This provision will wipe out not only sham clubs and hotels, but, it is estimated, fully 100 legitimate organizations.

The Greater New York charter will be passed over Mayor Strong's veto by a majority, so the leaders of the Republican organization declare, greater than

that which first approved of the instrument.

The Grand Concourse bill, which provided for the building of a great boulevard north from the Harlem River through the annexed district, and which carried an appropriation of \$10,000,000, at the least that the project would cost, will be sent to the pigeonhole.

The Bronx River sewer bill, which would cost the taxpayers of the city between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000, has been listed among those bills that are marked for defeat.

The City Magistrate's bill, which provided for three additional magistrates, to relieve the present members of that branch of the municipal judiciary who claim to be overworked, will not pass the Legislature.

No Federal appointments are to be made until after the adjournment of the Legislature. An attempt will be made to induce Mayor Strong to appoint as Police Commissioner Theodore Roosevelt's successor some one who will not be a rampant anti-machine man.

Such is the Republican State organization programme to which Senator Platt is expected to give his sanction before he returns to Washington this afternoon at 3 o'clock. With the exception of that part relating to Commissioner Roosevelt—which is purely a local matter—this plan of action was mapped out by the Black-Pawn-Aldridge combination. As a matter of fact Platt will be consulted about it; that it will go through without a hitch, regardless of local protest, is a foregone conclusion. The country combination is in the saddle; the machine must follow its lead.

To Ignore Strong's Veto.

According to Superintendent of Insurance Lou Payn, Senators Grant, Coggeshall, Lexow, Matby and Assemblymen Wilcox, Sullivan, Austin and other legislators who were at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday, the Greater New York charter will be passed over Mayor Strong's veto either tomorrow or on Tuesday. Almost to a man

the Republican legislators condemn the Mayor's action.

There was talk yesterday of an attempt to inject a little life into the opposition to the law amendments. But Lou Payn said the amendments would surely become law. Platt, against his will, was compelled to fall into line. The Senate caucus sealed the fate of the machine.

Three Who Got His Ear.

Senator Platt saw only three visitors at the United States Express Office, No. 49 Broadway, yesterday morning. They were Louis F. Payn, Edward Lantierbach and Ellis H. Roberts, who wants to be United States Sub-Treasurer. In the afternoon he devoted himself to private business and did not reach the Fifth Avenue Hotel until 3 o'clock. He believed the charter should be passed at the earliest possible date, and told his friends that the law amendments would pass without change.

Among those who were waiting to see the Senator were Cornelius Van Cort, candidate for Postmaster; George R. Bidwell, applicant for Collector of the Port; Senators Grant and Coggeshall, Assemblymen Sullivan and Austin, Jacob Patterson, "Lightning Jim" Stewart, Frank S. Witherbee, and a host of office-seekers. Most of those who came were there to ask about patronage. One machine man said Senator Platt did not want any appointments to be made until after the adjournment of the Legislature on April 24. Another one thought that the "Old Man" had lost his grip.

It was reported that Senator Platt would see Police Commissioner Roosevelt before he returned to Washington, but he was not at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday. The Senator will see his quondam lieutenant this morning. He will give to the Black-Pawn-Aldridge combination a perfunctory assent to the party and legislative programme they have formulated. He will talk with Congressman Foster, Sherman, Tucker and Low and the leaders of the State organization about patronage.

Mayor Strong yesterday had nothing to add to what he has already said in regard to the successor to Commissioner Roosevelt. He has not yet found the right man for the place. Among the new names mentioned yesterday in connection with the appointment were those of General E. A. McAlpin, James A. Blanchard, lawyer and member of the Union League, and Colonel Anderson, of the Seventh Regiment.

Platt Men Take a McKinley Plan. Washington, April 10.—Lester F. Stearns, of Dunbar, N. Y., has accepted the offer of Third Assistant Postmaster Generalship in the United States Post Office. His nomination will be sent to the Senate after President McKinley's return. He is a warm friend of Senator Platt, and was a McKinley delegate to the St. Louis convention.

EHRLICH BROS.

GRAND EASTER DISPLAY.

We permit no overstatements in our Advertisements.

Imported Millinery.
Etablissement Bernhardt,
13 W. 30,
Patronne par Mme. Sarah Bernhardt.
CARD.

Our Purchase of the exquisite stock of the above, coming as it did, almost on the eve of Easter, has proved an extraordinary success.

All our patrons doubtless remember the establishment of a new Paris millinery house in New York under the patronage of the celebrated French tragedienne.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt. This firm formed exceptional relations with all the best Paris modistes and imported the most exquisite millinery ever shown in this country. They decided to return to Paris, and, in consequence, SOLD TO US FOR CASH their entire stock at about one-quarter the cost of importation. These exquisite

French Hats and Bonnets, Millinery of all descriptions, Neckwear, Collarettes, etc., just arrived, are the best productions of such well-known houses as Virot, Reboux, Heitz-Boyer, Carlier, Josse, etc., will be on view. None of these Hats cost in Paris less than 125 francs, and they will be sold by us at the unheard of price of **\$10.00**

Which is Less Than the Duty.

Trimmed Millinery
AT PRICES THAT INVITE COMPARISON.

A peerless collection of charming styles in Spring Hats and Toques for carriage, walking, dress and evening wear; only a visit can give you an idea of their beauty and exceptional value.

10.00 FOR HATS AND TOQUES IN the prettiest and most fetching fashion of the season, handsomely trimmed in the newest and most exquisite effects; we never expect to see equal values again. 2.98 for Children's Hats that are rich examples of our milliner's skill and excellent taste, in this season's newest styles.

Millinery Specials.
Exquisite Ribbon Hat Bows from our great stock of Ribbons; tastefully made up by experienced milliners; free of charge.

Handsome line of children's Straw Hats, Trimmings, Walking Hats, at reasonable prices.

48c for children's 75c. Untrimmed Hats, in the newest brands and shades.

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The above were all manufactured to sell for and are absolutely worth \$13.50. **\$9.00**

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HEARN

West Fourteenth Street.

A Carnival of Attractions For Easter

Five Hundred Trimmed Hats and Bonnets

representing every fashionable shape and fabric yet no two alike **\$3.98 to \$19.98**

With confidence we pronounce them, as those who see them will.

UNPARALLELED VALUE! MILLINERY SPECIALTIES

Parisian made Flowers in handsome effects and natural tints—Poppies, Roses in buds or full blown, Violets of every size and shape, Lilies of the valley, Lilacs, Pansies, Bimettes, Geraniums, Wistaria.

Bachelor Buttons, etc., etc. Branching and coloring an artistically done that they can hardly be distinguished from real—worth 1.29 to 1.69.

Silk Poppies, Geraniums and Violets, the Valley, Lilacs, Geraniums, Violets, Roses of every natural tint, foliage of every kind—

Large assortment of Flowers—Lilacs, Bimettes, Roses, Pansies, etc. 5.00 fine Sprays and Bunches, worth 10.00. Silk Silk Poppies, Geraniums and Violets.

Large Bunches of Violets, 2.00. Velveteen—two in a bunch—9.00. Ostrich Plumes—10 inch—worth 2.00—New Long and Curled Alpacas—

Ladies' and Children's Clips, fancy bignons, Children's Fancy Straws, worth 50c, Ladies' Panama Suits—short back, Heliotrope and Red Straws—best shapes, Ladies' Turbans—Batavia and Fancy Straw, Satin Braid Alpaca—velvet band and bow, Children's Cloth Hats—with quills, Ladies' Crash and Cloth Ring Hats.

Department is the largest in New York!

In Ladies' Costumes

We offer Spring weight chevrons, by front Jacket lined with champagne silk, the whole dress well lined and finished, as low as \$6.00. From that price to fifty dollars, everything that is desirable or fashionable—Eton, Military, Fly Reeler or Hussar Jackets or fancy waistcoats—No wonder sales are great with such values—

Serge, Fancy Canvases and Tweed Costumes—Fly Reeler or plain and Braid—Eton Jacket—shaped, lined and faced in best manner—as neat and natty a dress as any lady could desire for travelling or general wear—

Black, Plum and Navy Serge and Cloth Costumes trimmed in Military Style—fancy lined—one of the most fashionable styles of the season! Also, a number of Fine Black Dresses with silk fronts and Bolero Jackets—

Handsome Costumes, silk lined throughout—Black and Spring colorings—were \$22.00—

Two Hundred Dress Skirts

made to order from extra quality Black Satins, Brocades and Notres.

This week 6.98

Some worth less than Ten Dollars!

Cloth Dress Skirts—1.79 to 12.98. Silk Waists—2.69 to 29.98.

Ladies' and Children's Shoes

It is easy to meet a price, but to match these offerings in quality and price is a matter of more difficulty.

Ladies' Dongola Shoes—new opera last, lace and button—all sizes and widths—1.50. Strong, fine fit and easy on foot.

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Ladies' Fine Soft Dongola Shoes. Black or Rose-tinted, lace and button, also Cloth top Shoes—every style to be equaled anywhere under \$3.00. 1.38.

Ladies' White Kid Opera Slippers—1.00. Ladies' Dongola Strap Slippers—fancy box—1.50.

Children's Patent Leather Button Shoes. Cloth top—new spring makes—

sizes 7 to 8 1.25. sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2 1.40. sizes 11 to 12 1.65.

Children's Dongola Button or Lace Shoes. Tan or Black—extension soles—extra quality—sizes 8 1/2 to 11—

Boys' Tan Lace Shoes—spring heels—

sizes 9 to 12 1/2 1.00.

BOYS' CLOTHING

Great Easter Sale.

Anticipating great demand this week, we have made extra efforts to provide a stock that shall please in every requirement—style, quality, strength and price. No house in this country can surpass the values that we will give this week.

1.000 DOUBLE BREAST SUITS 1.98. All wool—strictly—ages 4 to 15 years. 2.000 DOUBLE BREAST SUITS 2.98. splendid quality—stylish fabrics—worth 6.00 ages 4 to 15.

2.000 DOUBLE BREAST SUITS 3.98. Serge, Clay Diagonals, Worsteds, Whitecloths, Coverts, Cassimere and Tweeds—Black and Navy, as well as a great variety of neat and stylish styles in Checks, Plaids and Mixtures—Ages 6 to 16 years—Wonderful Value! LARGE PIECE SUITS \$4.98 and \$5.98.

Navy, Black and Mixtures, in Best Fabrics—Compare with the best. Elsewhere shown at 8.50 and 8.50. LITTLE BOYS' SUITS \$2.98.

Shirts and Suits—Plain and Combination. The best suit for little fellows up to 8 years. Nearly a Hundred styles! Shirt Waists and Blouses—1.25 cents to 6.48. Hats and Caps—1.29 cents to 3.48. Largest stocks and most popular prices in town!

LUDWIG BROTHERS,

34-44 WEST 14TH STREET.

Easter Novelties

IN

Millinery, Ladies' Garments, Silks, Dress Goods, Laces, Etc.

CAPES, JACKETS, SUITS, SILK WAISTS, Etc.

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